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SUBJECT: UNCTAD: TDB WRAP- UP

REF: GENEVA 2240, 2253, 2265 AND 2266

BEGIN SUMMARY: IN ADDITION TO DECISIONS REPORTED REFTELS, RESUMED SESSION OF TWELFTH TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TDB) TOOK NOTE OF REPORT OF WORKING PARTY ON WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET AND UN REPORT ON EXPORT PROMOTION AND APPROVED CERTAIN CHANGES IN CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. END SUMMARY

1. UNCTAD WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET. UNCTAD WAS ONE OF FIRST UN ORGANS TO PRESENT FORMALLY NEW BIENNIAL PROGRAM BUDGET FORMAT APPROVED BY GA RES 3043(XXVII). WORKING PARTY (WP) OF TDB (WHICH CONSIDERED PROGRAM IN OLD FORMAT LAST FALL) RECONSIDERED SAME MATERIAL WITH MINOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES IN NEW FORMAT. DUE TO CURRENCY CHANGES, INFLATION, AND CERTAIN TECHNICAL CHANGES THERE HAD BEEN CHANGES IN FIGURES WHICH LED TO SHARP QUESTIONS

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AND DEBATES DURING WP. TECHNICAL QUESTIONS WERE GENERALLY ANSWERED TO SATISFACTION OF MOST DELEGATIONS, AND MOST ARE PLEASED WITH POTENTIAL OF NEW FORMAT. HOWEVER, LAST FALL'S BASIC DISAGREEMENT REMAINED. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONTINUED WANT INCREASE EXPENDITURES AND LARGER ROLE FOR UNCTAD AND TDB IN DETERMINING BUDGET, WHILE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WANT TO RESTRAIN BOTH BUDGETED EXPENDITURES AND ROLE OF UNCTAD AND TDB. MOST OF CONTROVERSY AROSE OUT OF WHAT SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ASSERTED WAS ATTEMPT TO CUT BACK PROGRAM OF DIVISION ON TRADE WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. IN PLENARY EACH GEOGRAPHIC GROUP NOTED FOR RECORD FINAL STATEMENTS MADE IN WP. BOARD DID NOT "APPROVE" WORKING PARTY REPORT BUT NOTED IT AND PASSED IT ON FOR ACTION BY GA BUDGET AUTHORITIES (FOR DETAILS SEE GENEVA 2130).

2. EXPORT PROMOTION. BOARD TOOK NOTE REPORT OF UN SEC GEN ON EXPORT PROMOTION. SUBJECT DEBATED ONLY BRIEFLY IN PLENARY. NORDICS CAME OUT AGAINST ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW CENTRAL COORDINATING BODY. IN DEEPING WITH LOW PROFILE AT MEETING, US DEL DID NOT MAKE STATEMENT.

3. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS. BOARD AGREED TO FOLLOWING REVISED CALENDAR:

CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES	JULY 13-27	
PREP GROUP ON INTERMODAL TRANSPORT		OCT 29- NOV 2
WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF ORIGIN FOR GSP	NOV 5-9	
COCOA COUNCIL	JULY 30- AUG 10	
7 TH SESSION/ COMMITTEE ON TUNGSTEN		OCT/ NOV

4. MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES. BOARD APPROVED REQUESTS OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES TO BE MEMBERS OF VARIOUS UNCTAD COMMITTEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RES 80(III). BASSIN

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